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FOOD STANDARDS NOTIFICATION CIRCULAR

This Notification Circular includes notices that are required to be given to the public, submitters and appropriate government agencies, under the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* (FSANZ Act). All references below to sections of legislation, are to the FSANZ Act unless otherwise indicated.

Further information about the applications, proposals and other matters mentioned below, including assessment reports, processes and – where applicable – reasons for decisions, can be accessed on the FSANZ website at www.foodstandards.gov.au under <**Standards Development**>, then <**Documents for Public Comment**> and then <**Notification Circulars**>. Persons may contact FSANZ at one of the addresses below to arrange alternative access to these documents:

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General questions on the work of FSANZ should be directed to the Information Officer at the either of the addresses above. Queries concerning the matters in this Circular on assessment or submission processes should be directed to the Standards Management Officer at standards.management@foodstandards.gov.au.

NEW APPLICATIONS AND PROPOSALS **(Note that this section is not a call for public comment)**

FSANZ has received the following Application; completed an Administrative Assessment of it; accepted it; and placed it on the FSANZ Food Standards Development Work Plan:

GENERAL PROCEDURE

- **Application A1019 – Exclusive Use of Phytosterol Esters in Low-fat Cheese:** to approve the exclusive use of phytosterol esters in low-fat cream cheese and low-fat processed cheese at levels equivalent to 0.8 g to 1 g of free phytosterols in a 20 g serve [Received: 14 November 2008] [Applicant: Kraft Foods]

FSANZ has prepared the following Proposals and placed them on the FSANZ Food Standards Development Work Plan:

GENERAL PROCEDURE

- **Proposal P1008 – Code Maintenance VIII:** To correct errors of minor significance or complexity (including typographical errors, inconsistencies, misspellings, grammatical errors, deletions and corrections of Tables) identified in the Code [24 December 2008]
- **Proposal M1003 – Maximum Residue Limits (April, May June 2008):** to amend maximum residue limits for a number of agricultural and veterinary chemicals [Australia only] [28 May 2008]

Information on the above, including an anticipated timetable for assessment and consultation opportunities, is provided in the FSANZ Food Standards Development Work Plan which is available on the FSANZ website at <http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/standardsdevelopment/standardsworkplan.cfm>.

Administrative Assessment Reports can be accessed on the FSANZ website at <http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/standardsdevelopment/>. If you wish to be advised of any developments relating to the above Application and Proposals, such as calls for public submissions, please contact the Standards Management Officer at standards.management@foodstandards.gov.au.

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APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

The following Application has been withdrawn by the Applicant:

- **Application A596 – Vegetable Oil Phytosterol Esters in Low-fat Yoghurt Mini-Drinks**
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OTHER MATTERS

FSANZ *Application Handbook*

The latest version of the FSANZ *Application Handbook* (as of 9 December 2008) is available on the FSANZ website at <http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/standardsdevelopment/applicationshandbook.cfm>.

Key Email addresses

standards.management@foodstandards.gov.au for:

- progress with the assessment of applications or proposals or completed applications
- making an application
- Gazettal of amendments to the Code

submissions@foodstandards.gov.au for lodging submissions.

Food Regulation Secretariat

In accordance with the Food Regulation Agreement, the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing is responsible for the provision of secretariat services to the Australia and New Zealand Food Regulation Ministerial Council (Ministerial Council), the Food Regulation Standing Committee (FRSC) and the Implementation Sub-Committee (ISC).

The Food Regulation Secretariat sends information updates to stakeholders on a regular basis. If you would like to receive these updates (this is separate and in addition to updates from FSANZ), register your details on the Food Regulation Secretariat Stakeholder Database. A registration form is available on the website at

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/foodsecretariat-database.htm>.

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[Australia only] These matters relate to 'Australia only' standards that are not part of the joint regulatory arrangements with New Zealand. However, food from Australia complying with these standards may be supplied in New Zealand. If the matter is open for public comment, anyone may provide submissions in relation to these matters.